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Inmate Death at FCI Gilmer

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Saturday, January 2, 2021, inmate Otis Morris tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Gilmer in Glenville, West Virginia, and was placed in medical isolation. On Tuesday, January 5, 2021, Mr. Morris was transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation due to hypoxia and weakness. On Tuesday, February 2, 2021, Mr. Morris's condition continued to decline and he was placed on a ventilator. On Wednesday, February 3, 2021, Mr. Morris, who had long-term, pre-existing medical conditions which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Morris was a 69-year-old male who was sentenced in the Western District of Michigan to a 540-month aggregated sentence for Controlled Possession with Intent to Distribute greater than 5 kilograms of Cocaine; Felon in Possession of a Firearm; Distribution and Possession With Intent to Distribute an Unspecified Quantity of Cocaine and Cocaine Base; Possession with Intent to Distribute greater than 500 grams of Cocaine, and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime. He had been in custody at FCI Gilmer since October 25, 2019.

FCI Gilmer is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,401 male inmates.

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